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US ARMS SALES EMBARGO

FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE
LIFTING OF US ARMS SALES EMBARGO TO SOUTH ASIA IN BOTH
HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT FEBRUARY 25. EMBASSY COMMENTS FOLLOW
SEPTTEL.

1. HON'BLE MEMBERS WILL HAVE SEEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT

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FROM WASHINGTON THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS LIFTED

THE 10-YEARS OLD EMBARGO ON THE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO PAKISTAN. GOVERNMENT FULLY SHARES THE GRAVE CONCERN WHICH WOULD BE FELT IN EVERY SECTION OF THE HOUSE AND THE NATION AT LARGE AT THIS DECISION WHICH CAN HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE HOPES WE HAVE CHERISHED FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE SUB-CONTINENT AND FOR MORE MATURE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

2. THE HOUSE WILL RECALL THAT IN MY STATEMENT ON 18TH FEBRUARY, I MENTIONED THAT I HAD SENT A COMMUNICATION TO THE US SECRETARY OF STATE EXPRESSING OUR APPREHENSION, INDEED OUR CONSIDERED JUDGMENT, REGARDING THE HARMFUL EFFECT WHICH WOULD FOLLOW THE RESUMPTION OF US ARMS SUPPLIES TO PAKISTAN. THIS DECISION WILL IMPEDE THE PROCESS OF RECONCILIATION BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN AND LEAD TO JUSTIFIED RESENTMENT IN THE COUNTRY.

3. SIR, MAY I REPEAT WHAT WE HAVE REAFFIRMED TIME AND AGAIN THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE OBJECTIVE OF COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS AND OF DURABLE PEACE IN THE SUB-CONTINENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, PAKISTAN HAS ALWAYS INVOKED VARIOUS ARGUMENTS TO CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF SUSPICION, HOSTILITY AND CONFRONTATION. THIS POLICY HAS PROVED DISASTROUS. WHATEVER MAY HAVE BEEN SAID BY THE US ADMINISTRATION FROM TIME TO TIME TO JUSTIFY ARMS SUPPLIES TO PAKISTAN, IT WAS THESE ARMS WHICH WERE USED ON THREE OCCASIONS TO COMMIT AGGRESSION AGAINST INDIA. OUR CONCERN IS NATURALLY HEIGHTENED BY THE UNFORTUNATE EXPERIENCE OF THE LAST TWO DECADES.

4. SIR, THE DECISION OF THE US GOVERNMENT IS RETROGRADE AND WILL NOT FURTHER THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE SUB-CONTINENT. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG DIS-APPOINTMENT AND SENSE OF DEEP REGRET AT THIS DECISION. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASSURE THE HOUSE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS FULLY CONSCIOUS OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY AND CONFIDENT OF NATION'S CAPABILITY TO MEET THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS UNFORTUNATE DECISION. SCHNEIDER

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